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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE MINISTER'S  
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STATEMENT

REF: CAPE TOWN 765 (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO STATEMENT BY SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER OF  
DEFENSE P.W. BOTHA THAT AMERICAN PLANES HAD DELIVERED  
ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICAN CONTROLLED BASES IN ANGOLA DURING

THE 1975/76 ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR AND U.S. HAD LEFT SOUTH AFRICA IN THE LURCH IN ANGOLA, FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR USE AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING APRIL 18. HOWEVER, GUIDANCE WAS NOT USED AS SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE AT BRIEFING.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS UPON THE STATEMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE MINISTER, PETER BOTHA, REGARDING US COLLUSION IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN INCURSION DURING THE 1975/76 ANGOLA CIVIL WAR?

A. THE DECISION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE IN ANGOLA WAS MADE UNILATERALLY BY THAT GOVERNMENT IN ITS OWN INTEREST. THE UNITED STATES DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS DECISION. THE UNITED STATES

PROVIDED NO ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN ANGOLA OR ELSEWHERE. NO AMERICAN AIRCRAFT DELIVERED ARMS IN ANGOLA.

Q. DID THE UNITED STATES SUPPORT UNITA OR SUPPLY ARMS TO UNITA FORCES?

A. NO COMMENT. END QUOTE.

3. POSTS MAY DRAW ON ABOVE GUIDANCE IN THE EVENT OF ENQUIRIES FROM PRESS OR HOST GOVERNMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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